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# DONOVAN BACK FROM HAVANA 'OPTIMISTIC'

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## Negotiator For Cubans Returns To Miami, Awaits Decision

Miami, Fla., Oct. 11 (AP) — James Donovan said today he had returned to Miami to await Fidel Castro's decision on whether he would accept an offer of medicine, drugs, and baby foods for the release of 1,113 Cuban invasion prisoners.

"I am always optimistic," the New York lawyer said when asked if he thought Castro would liberate the prisoners.

Donovan said his offer consisted solely of "medicine, drugs, medical supplies and infant foods, designed as an offer of the American people to the Cuban people."

"No money is involved," Donovan emphasized.

### "Obligations" Cited

He said, "Before I entered the picture, the Cuban families committee had undertaken certain obligations. My work does not involve any of these or infringe upon them."

Donovan said his intention now was "simply to wait for a final resolution by the Cuban Government."

The negotiator said he expected to stay in the Miami area for the next day or so. He said that he had a secondary infection in a bursitis condition, which had bothered him for some time, and that he would receive medical attention while here.

### "Food" Analyzed

Donovan was asked whether the infant food he mentioned meant that food was being shipped to Cuba. He replied: "This is not what normally would be described as food."

Donovan said the families committee had spent the last nine months gathering funds to buy the freedom of Brigade 2506.

He said the committee can accept cash and other gifts under Federal tax deductible provisions.

"There are large corporations in this country and a number of wealthy Cubans who have contributed to this campaign," Donovan said.